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In re Application of	:	
Joe Allen Pringle	:	
Application No. 08/853,604	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: May 9, 1997	:	
Attorney Docket No. P04480US0/RFH	:	

This is a decision on the petition to revive the above-identified application under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 2, 2005.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue fee and file corrected drawings in response to the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability mailed June 16, 1999. These Notices set a statutory period for reply of three months. No extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) were available. No issue fee or drawings having been received, the above-identified application became abandoned on September 17, 1999. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on October 29, 1999.

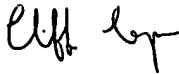
With the instant petition, petitioner paid the petition fee, submitted the required reply in the form of the issue fee and drawings, and made the proper statement of unintentional delay.

The above-identified application has been abandoned for an extended period of time. The Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith and accepting the statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. at 53160 and 53178; 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109) (applicant obligated under 37 CFR 10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b) to the Patent and Trademark Office).

The file does not indicate a change of address has been submitted, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. If appropriate, a change of address should be filed in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publications for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.



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